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Demand, Collection and Balance.

323. Out of a total demand of Rs. 5,06,449 (4,99,338) under cesses and taxes, a sum of Rs. 4,48,762 (4,40,099) was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 57,687 (59,239) under the heads "Mohatarfa including house tax" "Vehicle tax" and "Ground rent on labour colonies", etc.

Sanitary Board High Schools.

324. The K.G.F. Sanitary Board Boys' and Girls High Schools continued to be under the management of the Sanitary Board.

Schemes of improvements.

325. The improvement works sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 4,83,334 were completed during the year except for two items of deposit contribution cases.

Health and Sanitation.

326. The health conditions of the area were satisfactory. Adequate medical attention is available to the population of the area. The sanitation of the non-mining area was looked after by the Health Section of the K.G.F. Sanitary Board as usual.

(xvi) Davangere City Municipal Council.

327. The total area of the Davangere City Municipal Council is 7·5 square miles. The population of the City according to Census of 1951 is 56,048.

328. The Council held 12 ordinary, 5 adjourned and 22 special meetings.

329. The total number of houses and sites in Davangere City was 13,372 (12,972) and 4,144 (4,194) respectively.

330. With a view to improve the resources of the Municipality, the Council proposed the levy of Octroi on 48 additional items and the same was sanctioned by Government.

331. The incidence of taxation per head of population works out to Rs. 9-6-3 (Rs. 6-4-2).

Demand, Collection and Balance.

332. The total demand including arrears under all heads was Rs. 7,28,196. Of this, a sum of Rs. 5,35,910 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,92,286 at the end of the year.

Water Supply.

333. The Davangere Water Works at Haribar continued to be under the management of the Municipality. A sum of Rs. 47,830 (Rs. 1,02,865) was spent during the year.

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334. A sum of Rs. 1,62,798 (Rs. 1,58,259) was spent under conservancy and sanitation.

Conservancy and Sanitation.

335. Out of 1,639 births, 429 cases were reported from Maternity Hospital and the remaining 1,212 cases were reported from the various Divisions of the City. The birth rate works out to 29·2 per 1,000 population as against 32·1 in the previous year. Births.

336. Out of 557 deaths, 57 cases were reported from Hospitals and the remaining 500 cases relate to the various Divisions of the City. The death rate works out to 9·9 per 1,000 population as against 10·1 in the previous year. Deaths.

337. The Municipal High School continued to function during the year and an expenditure of Rs. 12,000 was incurred from Municipal funds. There were 340 (284) pupils on the roll. A sum of Rs. 7,598 was realised as fees during the year. Education.

338. An estimate for Rs. 1·20 lakhs for the construction of an additional R.C.C tank of 2 lakhs gallons capacity at Davangere was sanctioned by Government, the cost being met in equal proportion between the Government and the Municipality. Government have also sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 10·23 lakhs for the Underground Drainage Scheme.

(xvii) Administration of District Boards.

339. The Local Boards Enquiry Committee which was constituted in December 1953, under the Chairmanship of Sri D. H. Chandrasekhariah, furnished their report on 28th August 1954, recommending the continuance of the existing District Boards with certain modified functions and powers, and also the creation of statutory Boards at Taluk level. The Government decided to continue the District Boards with their present functions and duties providing for their being directly elected on the basis of adult franchise. As this meant amendment of the Village Panchayets and District Boards Act and the amendment could not be put through before 31st March Constitution.